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In re the application of:

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR EXPANDING FUNCTIONALITY OF  
VEHICLE CASSETTE TAPE-PLAYER DECKS TO PERMIT DICTATION OR  
OTHER RECORDING AND AUTOMATIC REMOTE STATION RELAYING  
OF THE SAME

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Replying to the Office communication of August 2, 2001, please amend the  
application as follows:

Please amend claims 28-30 as follows:

--28. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, vehicle radio  
entertainment deck components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in  
the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the  
vehicle, to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the  
cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said  
apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; a  
further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio  
telephone; and voice-controlled switching means disposed at said steering wheel region and